(*b*) if so, when the scheme is expected to materialise?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is not possible now to state definitely when the scheme is expected to materialise.

CANALS IN MATTANCHERI—IMPROVEMENTS TO

89. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Commerce and Industry):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government intend to improve the undermentioned canals in Mattancheri by opening them out so as to prevent stagnation of water with a view to improve the sanitation of the Town, *viz.*—

(*i*) the canal on two sides of the T. D. High School threatening to endanger the health of so many children;

(*ii*) the canal to the north of the Maharaja's Hospital which is detrimental to the health of the patients;

(*iii*) others similarly stagnant and breeding mosquitoes?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Government have no such proposal at present. The conditions of the canals will be improved when the drainage scheme is effected. The Mattancheri Municipality is taking all possible measures to improve the sanitation of the town.

MUSEUM IN TRICHUR—CLOSING OF ON POORAM DAY

90. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Museum in Trichur was open on the last *Pooram* day;

(*b*) if the answer is in the negative, the reason for keeping it closed?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* (*a*) Yes. The Museum was kept open from 8 a.m. to 11-30 a.m.

(*b*) The Museum was closed in the afternoon, following the practice in previous years. The Museum staff starts work before 6 a.m. on the *Pooram* day to complete cleaning of the animal houses, etc., before 8 a.m.

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